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Abstract Of The Disclosure

(New) The present invention is a method for producing an absorbent article. A wet resilient, cellulosic basesheet having elevated and depressed regions with an Overall Surface Depth of at least 0.2mm is prepared. The cellulosic basesheet has an upper surface and a lower surface. A contiguous, fibrous nonwoven web having a plurality of openings is integrally attached onto the upper surface of the cellulosic basesheet such that a portion of the openings are superposed over the depressed regions of the cellulosic basesheet. An absorbent core and an impervious web are attached to the lower surface of the cellulosic basesheet such that the absorbent core is sandwiched between the impervious web and the cellulosic basesheet.--